

River City Briefs

November 11, 2022

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Independence Civic Center Closed on Veteran's Day



Today we celebrate Veteran's Day, a time in which we honor and recognize the service these men and women gave to our country.

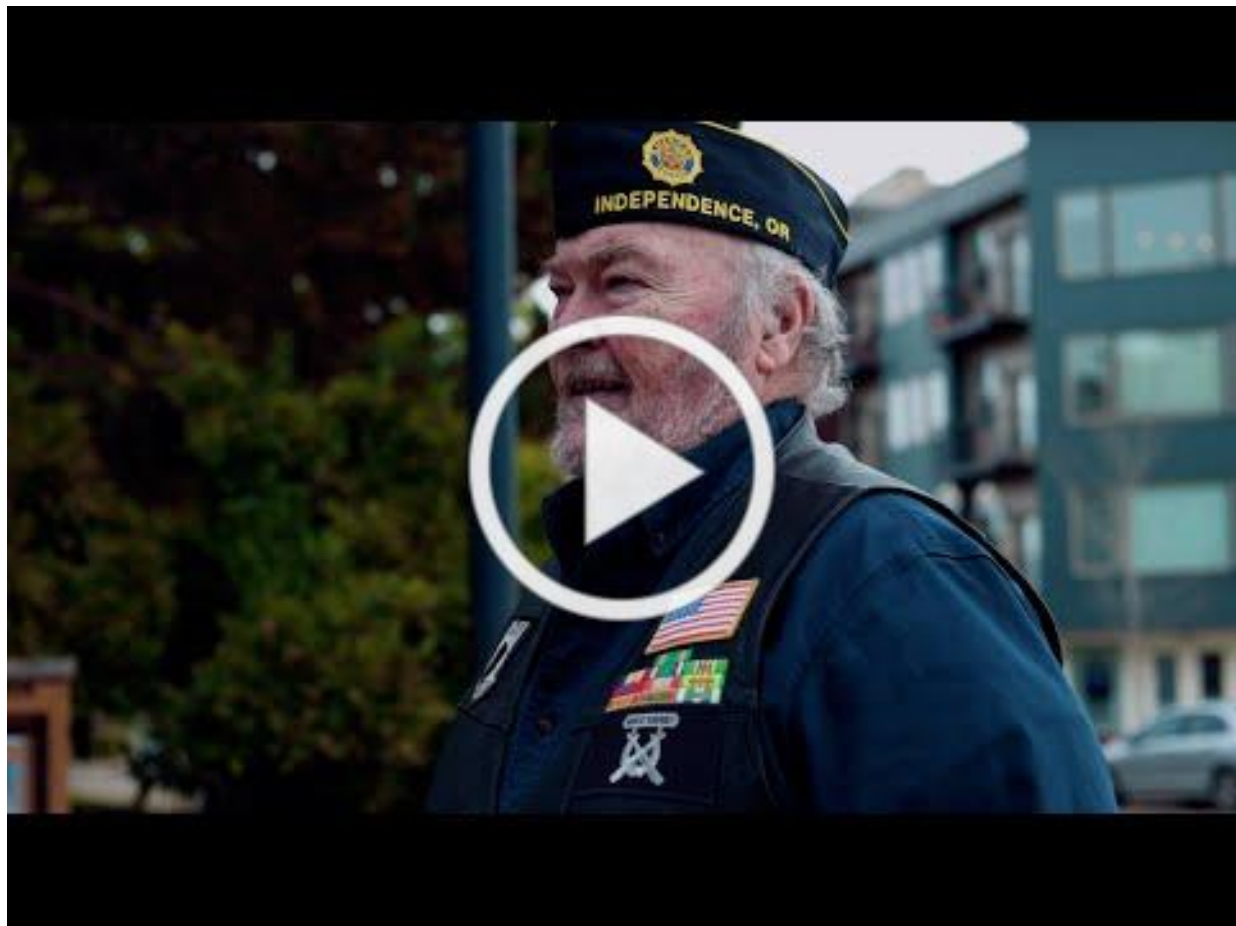
We would also like to recognize all the past and current service members

on staff at the City of Independence:

Juventino Banuelos
Gerald Fisher
Richard Gonzalez
Alaster Graham
Gregorio Herrera
Eric Solberg

In observance of this day, the City of Independence administration department will be closed Friday, November 11, 2022, and will re-open for regular hours on November 14. The Independence Police Department will remain open for regular hours.

Veteran's Stories - Billy Whisenant



As we venerate the heroes on Veteran's Day who selflessly served our country, the City of Independence sought to highlight our community by sharing one of their stories.

Billy Whisenant is a retired Vietnam War veteran who served in the Marine Corps during the Tet Offensive and was later discharged as a Sergeant.

After the war, as Billy worked to process his combat experiences, he began writing poetry and prose to help translate his feelings into words.

"I've found that in writing and expressing, you do have a tendency to connect with other people—not intentionally—but we all share similar feelings and emotions," shared Billy. "That's always been a rewarding part of writing for me."

Through Billy's stories and those of his fellow veterans, we begin to understand the sacrifices made on our country's behalf.

The City of Independence thanks all past and current military personnel for their devotion and service to our great nation.

[Watch Video Here](#)

Independence Shines Green Light for Veterans

November 7 through November 13 marks the City of Independence's official recognition of the service and sacrifice of our local military veterans.

To make our support visible, throughout November, the Independence Civic Center will be illuminated with green lights to honor our military veterans.



In addition to lighting public buildings, residents and businesses are encouraged to participate by simply changing one light bulb in their house to a green bulb. This can be an exterior light that neighbors and passersby see or an interior light that sparks a conversation with friends.

By shining a green light, we let our veterans know they are seen, appreciated, and supported. While this event is focused around the week of Veterans Day, participants are encouraged to continue shining the light year-round. We encourage all our residents to share their participation on social media using the hashtag **#OperationGreenLight**.

**Glow Holiday Light Display Ceremony Happening in
Downtown Independence**



NOVEMBER 27TH - JANUARY 10TH
RIVERVIEW PARK | DOWNTOWN INDEPENDENCE

Looking to get into the holiday season? Visit Downtown Independence and watch it GLOW.

From **November 27, 2022, through January 10, 2023**, holiday lights will be shining bright every night in Riverview Park. These lights are always free to walk through.

Help us celebrate the season by joining us for the lighting ceremony and community caroling sing-along happening **Sunday, November 27, from 5 PM - 6 PM** in Riverview Park.

[Learn More Here](#)

Fall Leaf Pick Up Program Continues

It's that time of the year when leaves are all over the place, and backyards start piling up. That's why our Independence Public Works Department puts on a Leaf Pickup Program every year, where they cruise through the city and help keep our streets and spaces clean.



Here are a few important things to remember during this season:

- Leaves only, no other yard debris
- Remove leaves blocking storm drains.

- Small leaf piles need to go in your yard debris can.
- Cars need to be parked at least five feet from leaf piles.
- Leave a minimum of one foot between the curb and leaf pile and no piles in the corners of cul-de-sacs or in front of mailboxes.
- Property owners are responsible for the disposal of leaves after the week of December 26th.

Rake leaf piles on City Streets before pickup the weeks of:

November 14th
November 28th
December 12th
December 26th

Thank you for helping keep our community clean this fall.

Independence Heritage Museum Open Thanksgiving Weekend



GOT FAMILY VISITING FOR THANKSGIVING?
Bet you're excited!
Dinner on Thursday.
Recover on Friday.
WHAT TO DO ON SATURDAY!?

We've got you covered!
Visit the Heritage Museum. Free Admission.
Open Saturday from 10AM - 4PM.

[Visit Museum Website](#)

Ash Creek Art Center November Classes

ASH CREEK ARTS CENTER PRESENTS:

ADULTS & TEENS 3RD THURSDAY

MIXED MEDIA COLLAGE

NOVEMBER
17TH

(6:30PM-8:30PM)



SIGN UP AT ASHCREEKARTS.ORG/CALENDAR

ASH CREEK ARTS CENTER PRESENTS:

KIDS 2ND SATURDAY

CREATE YOUR OWN GRAPHIC NOVEL
AGES: K-5TH GRADE

NOVEMBER
12TH

(10AM-12PM)



SIGN UP AT ASHCREEKARTS.ORG/CALENDAR

[Register Here](#)

Coat Donations to Benefit Local Food Bank

GREENWOOD GROUP PRESENTS
**THE 6TH ANNUAL
 WINTER COAT DRIVE**

BEGINNING OCTOBER 6TH, 2022
 THRU THE 2022/23 WINTER SEASON

OUR EFFORTS CONTINUE TO SUPPORT
 THE ELLA CURRAN FOOD BANK



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 (163 D ST, INDEPENDENCE)
 AND AT THE CITY OF
 INDEPENDENCE CIVIC CENTER

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Independence Public Library November Schedule

November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Storytime with Miss Jo 10:30 ----- Kid's Craft Time Calico Corn Crafts 3 pm	3	4 Teen/Adult DIY Sandpaper Printing 4 pm	5
6 		8	9 No Storytime Today	10	11 Library Closed Veteran's Day	12 Bilingual Storytime 11 am
13	14	15 Mystery Book Club 4 pm	16 Storytime with Miss Jo Turkey Time 10:30	17	18	19 
	20  Lego Mania! 3 pm	22	23 Storytime with Miss Jo Families 10:30	24 HAPPY thanks giving		26
27	28 	29 Family Gingerbread Houses 6 pm	30 Storytime with Miss Jo 10:30 ----- Kid's Craft Time Foil Art 3 pm	Independence Public Library 175 Monmouth Street Independence, OR 97351 503-838-1811 www.ci.independence.or.us/library and LIKE us on Facebook		

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